REMARKS

In paragraph 2 of the Action, claims 1-3, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tacklind et al. In paragraph 4 of the Action, claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tacklind et al. in view of Chassaing et al.

In view of the rejections, claim 1 has been amended to clarify the features of the invention. Namely, a measurement data controlling device of the invention stores and controls measurement data in a measurement system including a plurality of measurement devices. The controlling device comprises a memory formed in each measurement device, and means for preparing a file. The preparing means prepares a main file containing therein as one file unit measured data, identifying data for identifying a measuring device from other measuring devices, and time identifying data for identifying date-and-time when a measurement is carried out in each measurement device. The main file is stored in the memory.

In the invention, a file allocation table containing a file name and preparation time of the main file, which is known in the art and is attached to the main file, is further used. Thus, in addition to the file allocation table, the main file includes, as one file unit, the identifying data and time identifying data. Even if the file allocation table attached to the main file is changed, it is possible to identify the measured data.

Tacklind et al. relates to a system for monitoring and reporting medical measurements, and includes a stand along monitor for storing data records comprising measured values and time stamps and for transmitting the records to a remote reporting unit. The monitor module 12 includes a micro controller 40 which receives sensor output data and forms a data record, a time stamp indicating the time and date when the measurement is taken, and unique ID code identifying the monitor module 12. The data records are stored in a RAM 42 as a circular file.

In the invention, the main file contains therein, as one file unit, measured data, identifying data for identifying a measuring device from other measuring devices, and time identifying data for identifying date-and-time when a measurement is carried out in each

measurement device. Namely, as the main file, the measured data, identifying data and time identifying data are memorized. In Tacklind et al., the data record, time stamp and ID code are used, but the time stamp and ID code are used for the data base as the file allocation table, which are conventionally used in the file system. The measured data in Tacklind et al. do not include therein, as one file unit, the identifying data and time identifying data.

In Tacklind et al. the data record has its own instruction set including measurement values, time and date, but the identifying data for identifying a measuring device from other measuring devices are not included. The features of the invention are not disclosed or suggested in Tacklind et al.

In Chassaing et al., the instrument stores acquired data and a master log of summary information (date, time, patient identification, operator identification and all error condition). Namely, error condition is shown in the summary information, but in claim 4, error detection data are formed. In the error detection data, the error can be found. The error detection data and error condition in Chassaing et al. are entirely different.

Further, in Chassaing et al., date, time and other identifications are stored in the master log, but the data are not stored as one unit in the acquired data. Therefore, the features of the invention are not disclosed or suggested in Chassaing et al.

As explained above, the cited references do not disclose or suggest the features of the invention. Even if the cited references are combine, the invention is not obvious from the cited references.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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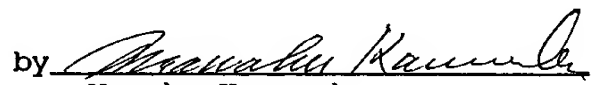
by 

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